CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication:	sas017DAL_107724399.jpg
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Language:	English
Applicant:	The District Court at Manukau
Classification:	Objectionable.
Descriptive note:	None
Display conditions:	None
Date of entry in Register:	18 August 2009
Date of direction to issue a label:	No direction to issue a label has been issued

Summary of reasons for decision:

The computer image file is deemed objectionable because it promotes and supports the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes.

The image file explicitly depicts a girl who appears to be in her early to mid-teenage years involved in sexual activity with a man. The image is intended for sexual arousal. The availability of such material encourages viewers to pursue a sexual interest in young people and strengthens the idea that they may be used by adults for sexual gratification. The effect is to encourage the sexual exploitation of young people.

The classification of this publication interferes with the freedom of expression, but this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications falling under s3(2) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 are deemed to be objectionable. The classification is also a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression that reflects the concerns of a free and democratic society to protect young people from exploitation.